

Composts, Forest Products, Humus

The following descriptions will help you decide if a soil amendment is a compost, a forest product, or humus:

Compost: Your product has been manufactured by managing decomposition of plant and/or animal matter to reduce pathogens and reach a stable C:N ratio. This may have been achieved through repeated turning of piles or windrows, forced aeration, and/or moisture additions.

Forest product (e.g. bark): The forest product has been recently produced.

Aged forest product (e.g. aged bark): The forest product has been left to sit for a long time.

Humus: Decomposed organic material has been collected in a natural environment in a setting that has not been disturbed for a very long time (many years to decades). Documentation on the location and specific environment is required.